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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA - ROK FOREIGN MINISTER MOON'S VIEWS ON
HIS SEOUL PRESS CONFERENCE - OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. AS HE HAD PROMISED (REFTEL, ROK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
MOON TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SHERER MORNING SEPTEMBER 14 TO
REPORT ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK'S VIEWS ON SEOUL PRESS
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COVERAGE OF HIS SEPTEMBER 11 PRESS CONFERENCE ON DEPARTURE

FROM SEOUL AIRPORT.

2. ACCORDING MOON, PARK TERMED REPORTS "A GROSS MISHANDLING ON PART OF THE PRESS." MOON ADDED THAT PARK SAID "GOSSIP COLUMN ON SECOND PAGE" MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTED WHAT HAPPENED. PARK TOLD MOON THAT HE HAD GIVEN SHORT, SIMPLE ANSWERS. PARK SAID MATTERS HAD BEEN FALSELY PLAYED UP AND THAT HE HAD BEEN MISQUOTED OUT OF ALL PROPORTIONS. PARK ASKED THAT THESE VIEWS BE CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. ROK MISOFF SPECULATED TO USUN MISOFF SEPTEMBER 14 THAT SOME MEMBERS OF SOUTH KOREAN PRESS CORPS ARE EXTREMELY ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC BOTH AT UN AND IN SEOUL AND IT POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE OF THESE IN CONVERSATIONS AT UN OR IN SEOUL HAD GLEANED DETAILS OF CORE GROUP THINKING AND HAD USED THESE TO EMBELLISH PARK'S REMARKS. ROK MISOFF QUOTED PART AT SEOUL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ALONG FOLLOWING LINE: "IF UN MEMBERS DO NOT WANT FURTHER CONFRONTATION AT UNGA ON KOREA ROK, COULD GO ALONG WITH SUCH WISHES."

4. AS TO SOUNDINGS REGARDING DEFERMENT, AUSTRALIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTEDLY MET WITH ASEAN COUNTERPARTS AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 14. NORWAY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE EXPECTED TO MEET NORDIC COUNTERPARTS SEPTEMBER 15.

5. WE HAVE REPORT THAT ROMANIA WORKING ON BEHALF NORTH KOREANS AGAINST DEFERMENT MOVE.

6. CORE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR PM SEPTEMBER 15 BEING RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16 TO ENABLE REPORTS FROM CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND ON NORDIC AND ASEAN RESPONSES ON DISARMAMENT. ADDITIONALLY, US-CANADA PRE-UNGA BILATERAL ON PM SEPTEMBER 15 WILL TIE UP CANADA'S CORE GROUP EXPERT.
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